



SBARA GROUNDPLANE

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President's Corner

Welcome to September As I look into the past, the big event was the 34th annual Hayward Zucchini Festival the weekend of August 20th & 21st. The board was getting a little concerned about whether we would have adequate coverage to provide radio support for the festival. A special thanks to Al Rendon, WT6K, for making phone calls to previous participants. You know...I really feel the telephone has become an underrated tool! There's something to be said about actually speaking with someone real time vs. writing an email. I too am known for picking the phone up every once in a while, but I digress. Both Al and I sent out a few emails soliciting your help as well. The bottom line ... you all totally stepped up! Mike Fung told me that we had more coverage this year than he'd seen in quite a while! There were 38 shifts covered by 24 individuals. THANK YOU SO MUCH! Things run soooo much smoother at the festival when there is adequate coverage. It made ALL the difference. Plus, as you all well know, this translates into a sizable donation to SBARA. I know that some of you had never worked the Zucchini Festival before and ended up having a lot of fun. That was GREAT to hear! I had a lot of fun too! Working the VIP gate is always a combination of fun and a challenge. The fun part is telling people that they can get their entire carload of people in for the price of two adults! The challenging part is keeping the vendors out until 8pm on Sunday. Oh...and I REALLY appreciated that it wasn't nearly as hot as it was last year! Again...thank you all for your hard work! Oh...and we'll be having the drawing for the \$250 HRO Gift Certificate at the next SBARA meeting. All participants will get one ticket per shift worked entered into the drawing.

So...on to the future. We have a fun event coming up on Saturday, September 17th. This year...we will manage to host a 2nd Radio in the Park at Lake Elizabeth/Central Park for the year. The past two Radio in the Park events have been successful in a few ways. They have given club members a chance to get out and "play" ham radio without all of the overhead of Field Day. They have also engaged the public and sparked the interest of new people...young and older...to become hams. All this is exactly what we hoped to accomplish with Radio in the Park. [NOTE: The secret word for a free raffle ticket at the next SBARA meeting is "TRANSCIVER." Write this word down on a piece of paper and hand it to Larry at the raffle table for a free ticket. Limit one ticket per person.] I have said this before and I will say it again...this time, as well as in the future, Greg Miller IS NOT ALLOWED to setup his hex beam antenna!!! In other words, in the spirit of this event, the goal is to spend less time setting stuff up and more time playing on the radio. Last time, Bernhard had fun teaching kids how to transmit their name in Morse code. It was suggested, recently, to also have a talk about HF basics to help educate those who haven't been exposed to setting up and running HF. I think this is a great idea and hope we can do so. I'm still trying to figure out what I want to bring. Either I can work out of my (Cont'd. on Page 2)

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SUV or bring my old Kenwood TS-450. I'm inclined to do the latter. I just need to figure out what to do for an antenna. We plan to have sandwiches from Togo's, munchies, and water. We are scheduled to be there from 11am until 3pm, but some of us may be showing up early and/or staying later. This is also an opportunity to bring out your various homebrew projects and work on them, share them, test them, and/or play with them! COME OUT AND JOIN US!

Looking a little further out into the future...Pacificon, the annual ARRL Pacific Division convention, held each year in October, is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, Oct. 14-16, at the San Ramon Marriott, 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon, CA. It is THE premier amateur radio conference in the western U.S. Go to <http://www.pacificon.org/> for more information and to register. I plan to attend as well as help out at the Parachute Mobile booth where we will have live feeds from the drop zone at Byron Airport as well as making simplex contacts with the jumpers. It should be fun!

73!

Steve KG6HJU

Successful SBARA Member's Support For The 2016 Hayward Zucchini Festival

SBARA members are amazing...actually the best! You came through again when the 'chips' were down. As it turns out we had more members turn out this year than in the past. Mike Fung WA6AWI was grateful for the abundant volunteers which in turn made his job easier. SBARA members covered 18 shifts on Saturday and an amazing 20 shifts on Sunday. Great job and congratulations to every member who volunteered.

I especially want to thank Gene Arrillaga KF6ZYD, Kris Berry KG6NUU responding to our last minute call for help on Sunday. In addition, Tim Fairbarin AF6TF for responding to my phone call and coming in late on Saturday (so I could go home and rest my fractured leg and elbow) and also coming back and working a Sunday shift. Finally, thank you to the master of 'Jetlag', Deborah AG6HJ for working two shifts on Sunday after returning from her European trip.

There will be a drawing at the September 9th SBARA meeting for a \$250 HRO gift certificate. Volunteers will have a ticket for each shift worked in the tumbler. Thanks again to all you wonderful SBARA members.

73,

Al

WT6k

September 17th Radio in the Park

Central Park will be buzzing with hams as we gather for another 'Radio in the Park' fun day. The event takes place in the park at the same location as Field Day, i.e., the corner of Paseo Padre Parkway and Sailway Drive. SBARA members will gather at 10 am and the event ends at 3 pm.

All members and friends are welcomed to bring a radio and antenna to set up and operate during the event. The secret is to keep the antenna simple so that you can get it up and on the air without a lot of effort. Bring your favorite portable station and show it off. The emphasis for many of the participants will be HF bands like at Field Day but the more variety the better.

Why not bring your 'favorite' or most recent project to 'show and tell' or try out on the air? For example, one member had taken on a project to build a portable repeater and he brought it to show it to us and demonstrate how it worked.

See you on the 17th at Central Park. Come join your fellow SBARA members for the event.

Al Rendon - wt6k

French Underground during World War II, Communication and Codes



Jedburg groups coordinated the procurement and allocation of radios to facilitate communication. While radios carried an increased risk of detection by occupation forces, they made mass communication over longer distance possible. Coded messages were transmitted nightly, both to Allied command and to various area partisans. Messages identified their recipients with a cryptonym and gave necessary instructions in coded messages. The codes were agreed upon in person, and then used in [broadcasts](#) to activate plans. When intercepted, the messages were easily identifiable as partisan transmissions, but their meanings were

indecipherable. British radio, and the European underground radio, often rebroadcast Jedburg and other resistance messages. While this coding method was primitive, it required German forces to use spies instead of technology as primary means of breaking resistance group communications. Such missions were a costly drain on human intelligence resources, and carried a high level of risk.

Read more:

<http://www.faqs.org/espionage/Fo-Gs/French-Underground-During-World-War-II-Communication-and-Codes.html#ixzz4ISHZ8O9J>

IMPORTANT AMATUER RADIO WEB PAGE LINKS

www.arrl.org

www.colpage.org

www.qrz.com

www.dailydx.com

www.twit.tv/hn

www.dxspots.com



SBARA Membership meeting Friday, September 9th, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Hurricane Electric, 760 Mission Court (off of Warm Springs Blvd), Fremont

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for the pre-meeting dinner at: Ho Chow Restaurant, 47966 Warm Springs Blvd, Fremont. (510) 657-0683

SBARA Ham Radio License Exam date is September 10th Saturday at 9am—Noon.

Testing Location:

Hurricane Electric
48233 Warm Springs Boulevard
Fremont, CA.

Nets and other Club Information

The Slow CW Net

Every Thursday (on 144.230 MHz) and Sunday (on 7.057 MHz +/- 3 KHz) night at 7:30 pm.

You need an "all-mode" transceiver in order to participate in this net.. The net now has its own email address. Please contact us here: : "SF Bay CW Enthusiasts" <sf-bay-cw-enthusiasts at googlegroups.com>

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Monday SBARA Net

The SBARA net takes place every Monday night at 7:30 pm on the WA6PWW repeater, 147.015 MHz, positive offset, PL (if enabled) 103.5 Hz.

Topics are club related things, projects you're working on and so on. It's a chat net. We need net control operators. If you'd like to be net control, let us know during the next net.

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SBARA.ORG has a new look and some updated content. Navigation follows the known style - information about the club can be accessed via the (black) menu bar at the top and the navigation bar on the left links to various topics of interest to the club. The Contact Us page provides easy access any of the board members and activity chairs, when you have a question or would like something to be included, changed and if a link is not working. The new layout is mobile friendly, making it easier to browse the website on tablet sized and smart phone sized mobile devices. I hope you enjoy the new website.